



1—Photograph of the giant Caproni triplane, a sample of which has been sent to the United States from Italy and which carries 25 passengers. 2—President Irigoyen of Argentina, who is trying to arrange united action of Latin-American nations against Germany. 3—The Chateau of Peronne, reduced to ruins by continuous bombardment by the Germans. 4—W.A. Holman, prime minister of New South Wales, photographed in New York where he attended a luncheon of the Overseas club.

## NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

**House May Decide to Investigate Bernstorff's Plot to Influence Congress.**

### FIVE NAMED BY TOM HEFLIN

**Bulgaria Ready to Quit War—Germany's Conditional Offer to Evacuate Belgium—Lansing's Exposures Well Timed—Haig Makes Further Advances in Flanders.**

**By EDWARD W. PICKARD.**  
The house of representatives may determine to investigate itself, or rather the action of certain of its members, as a result of the disclosure of the Bernstorff plot to influence congress and keep the country from entering the war, by the expenditure of \$50,000 through some organization. Representative Tom Heflin of Alabama precipitated the inquiry by stating in the house that he knew of some congressmen whose actions were suspicious. Called before the rules committee, he named Senator La Follette, Representative at Large W. E. Mason of Illinois, Representatives Fred A. Britton of Illinois, and Patrick D. Norton and John M. Baer of North Dakota. He did not accuse anyone of receiving German money, but demanded that the activities of these five men be investigated.

#### Bulgaria Wants to Quit.

Bulgaria, having attained the ends for which she entered the war—the recovery of Dobruja, Macedonia, and parts of Serbia that were taken from her in the Balkan war—is ready to quit fighting if permitted to retain her conquests. So says Stephan Panaretov, Bulgarian minister to the United States. His country, he adds, has no interest in Germany's ambition to establish a Mittel Europa, and would have preferred to enter the war on the side of the allies, had their promises been as unconditional as those of the kaiser.

Austria-Hungary, according to advice received in Washington, is rapidly nearing collapse, and the German war party realizes that peace, if it is to be of the German brand, must be procured within six months or before America gets fully into action. There is great distress throughout the realm of Emperor Charles and his people; they would gladly stop fighting provided they do not have to yield too much to Italy.

#### Germany Offers Belgian Bargain.

The replies of Germany and Austria to the pope's peace proposals, filled with high sounding phrases and hypocrisy, were virtually ignored by the allied governments and condemned as evasive and insincere by the press. Therefore the kaiser came forward with an addendum, verbally expressed to the papal nuncio at Munich by Foreign Secretary Kuehmann, in which he agreed to evacuate Belgium in order to gain peace. But the offer was hedged about by conditions that made all the non-Teutonic world laugh. He demanded that Germany have the right to develop her economic enterprises freely in Belgium, especially in Antwerp; that Belgium give a guarantee that "any such menace as that which threatened Germany in 1914 would in future be excluded;" that Belgium undertake to maintain the administrative separation of the Flanders and Walloon districts introduced by Germany, and not enter into any commercial treaties aimed at Germany. In return Germany offers graciously to contribute a share of the compensation to be paid to the little nation she has ravished.

The new German party organized by Admiral von Tirpitz and others not now in office got into action last week

with the slogan "Peace without indemnity means Germany's defeat." This party serves to co-ordinate the activities of the pan-German agencies and is getting large support. The social democrats are gathering their strength to combat it, and the result is likely to be a very pretty fight when the reichstag reassembles.

#### Little News From Russia.

Little is heard and still less is known just now about conditions in Russia. Plots, counter plots and accusations have not yet unsettled Kerensky, and he and the soldiers and workmen's council may finally establish complete control over the situation. The troops in the field and in garrisons have been murdering their officers by the score, and one correspondent asserts they have no heart for the war since the czar was deposed—a statement that only adds to the confusion of the mental picture we over here have of the new republic. The armies, however, since the Germans captured Jacobstadt, have checked the advance of the enemy and even retaken some positions near Pskoff. Winter is coming to their aid and it is considered probable that the movement of the Germans toward Petrograd is about ended for this year.

General Soukhomlinoff, former war minister, first of the autocrats to be judged by a jury of the new democracy, was convicted of high treason on Wednesday, and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life. His young wife, whose extravagance drove him nearly insane, was acquitted.

#### Lansing's Useful Disclosures.

As a means of consolidating the sentiment of the country and arousing its enthusiasm for a victorious war the disclosures of German intrigue made by Secretary Lansing are unexcelled. And they are ably seconded by the stirring speeches that Colonel Roosevelt has been delivering. Mr. Lansing times his exposures well and makes them with a calm finality that is most effective. His latest statement is that he has conclusive evidence that Count von Bernstorff on or before January 19 had received and read the Zimmerman note to the German minister in Mexico City telling of the intention to begin unrestricted submarine warfare on February 1, and consequently was fully aware of his government's plan when he asked authority to expend \$50,000 to influence congress and keep this country neutral.

Colonel Roosevelt's patriotic addresses were a distinct feature of the week. In Chicago and other middle West cities he expressed forcibly the opinions he and most of the rest of us have of the pacifists and obstructionists and other pro-Germans, and he gave special attention and some choice language to the case of Robert M. La Follette, the United States senator with whom Wisconsin is afflicted. The doughty "T. R." invaded the enemy's country, delivering one of his most fiery speeches at Racine. At the Chicago meeting and elsewhere resolutions were adopted calling for the expulsion of La Follette from the senate, but that so-called honorable gentleman, seemingly unmoved by the storm of denunciation, was busy organizing his followers in Wisconsin for a fight based on what he thinks are his principles.

#### South America Is on Fire.

Germany sought to pacify Argentina by disapproving the ideas expressed by Count von Luxburg, but the South American republic was by no means satisfied and the people demanded that war be declared. The chamber of deputies concurred in the resolution of the senate that relations with Germany be severed, and it was up to President Irigoyen. He has been a determined advocate of neutrality, but it seemed likely that he would be forced to yield to the demand for war. Before deciding the matter, he began negotiations to secure unite action by all the Latin-American nations. Uruguay and Paraguay were reported as eager to break off relations with Germany, and Peru last week presented to the imperial government a demand that satisfaction be given within eight

days for the sinking of the Peruvian bark Lorton in Spanish waters last February.

The people of Argentina have been stirred to increased indignation by the serious strikes of railroad men and other workers, which have been accompanied by much violence and destruction of property. These strikes are admittedly fomented and financially supported by Germans.

**Haig Resumes His Offensive.**

Having spent the first part of the week in consolidating his gains and beating off the desperate counter-attacks of the Germans, Field Marshal Haig on Wednesday resumed his offensive in Flanders in the Ypres region. In a few hours his men had occupied ground to a depth of more than 1,000 yards along most of the front involved, and were in possession of the Tower Hamlets ridge, well beyond the bloody Polygon wood, and had taken most of Zonnebeke, the village from which they were driven in April, 1915. The Germans made tremendously strong counter-attacks during the afternoon and evening, but in vain. The results of the offensive, at the date of writing, are pronounced most satisfactory.

Very heavy losses were incurred by the crown prince in futile attacks on the French along the Chemin des Dames and north of Verdun.

Four air raids in two days were made on England by the Germans and about a score of persons were killed. Both airplanes and Zeppelins took part in these raids and aerial torpedoes were used. The chief result was a renewed demand by the British press for reprisals. In several bombing expeditions the allied airmen did great damage to German establishments in Belgium. Monday night the German aviators cleverly bombed a French camp of German prisoners, killing two and wounding 17. They probably thought it was a hospital.

**Steel Prices Heavily Reduced.**

By a voluntary agreement made by steel producers with the war industries board and approved by the president, a scale of quotations was established that reduces prices of steel by about one-half. These, according to Elbert H. Gary, are fair and reasonable, though far below the expectations of the manufacturers. The priority committee of the war industries board issued an order that in all cases preference in orders for iron and steel and their products be given to concerns turning out materials actually necessary for the war's conduct. Manufacturers of articles classed as luxuries are the first to feel the effects of this order.

The federal labor trouble mediators are a busy lot of men these days. No sooner was the big strike of iron workers at San Francisco settled than the lake seamen voted to strike, and next the switchmen of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern suddenly quit, crippling the mills of the United States Steel corporation at South Chicago and Gary. Also, machinists employed by the government in navy yards and arsenals made new demands for more pay, and the bituminous coal operators and miners could not agree on wages. It was a relief to learn that the International Brotherhood of Leather Workers determined to prevent all strikes in its ranks during the war.

#### For Second Liberty Loan.

All preparations were completed last week for the campaign to float the second Liberty loan. The bonds, which will bear 4 per cent interest, will be advertised by posters, by every postmaster, railroad, express and telegraph manager, and every schoolteacher. A letter will be sent to every farmer in the country, and a special missile will go to a selected list of a million wealthy agriculturists. They will be urged to invest as much of the proceeds of their harvest as possible in the Liberty bonds. Window cards, mailing stickers and automobile stickers will be distributed by the millions.

The senate passed the \$8,000,000,000 war deficiency bill, and the house and senate conferees completed their work on the great war tax bill.

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## FOOD SUPPLIES LESS THAN YEAR AGO

**Hoover Says U.S. Farm Yield Is Smaller.**

### FAMILIES MUST CONSERVE

**House-To-House Canvas Will Be Made Week Of October 21 to 28 to Enroll Housewives.**

Washington.—The larvest of America's crops will yield less this year than last.

This is the situation called to the attention of the American public by Herbert C. Hoover, the Food Administrator, in another appeal to the people to co-operate with the Government in the supreme task of conserving the nation's food supply.

Reminding the country that the Allies now constitute America's first line of defense in the war against Germany, Mr. Hoover declares that they must be fed if the war is to be won. They can be fed, he declares, if the people of the United States, who are the only people engaged in the war who are not on rations, will help eliminate waste. He urges every church and every civic and patriotic organization to join in the campaign for economies in food.

Along with his appeal, Mr. Hoover announced plans for a final campaign to enlist every man and woman of the country in the ranks of a food conservation "army." During the week of October 21 to 28 he intends to have a house-to-house canvass throughout the nation to cover the 22,000,000 families in the United States.

In his statement, Mr. Hoover said:

"The week of October 21 to 28 has been selected for a nation-wide campaign to complete the enrollment of our forces in conservation of our food supply.

"The harvest is now in hand, and we can measure the world's food resources.

"The available supplies this harvest year are less than last year; the demand upon us is greater than last year, and from the last harvest we exported more than we could really afford. We can only meet the call upon us next year by savings and by substitution of commodities which cannot be transported.

"We are asking every householder, every hotel, restaurant and dealer in foodstuffs in the nation to become a member of the Food Administration for conservation, and to pledge themselves to follow, insofar as circumstances permit, the suggestions that will be offered from time to time as to measures of food savings.

"For us there is no threat of privation. We wish only that our people should eat plenty, but wisely and without waste. Wisdom in eating is to make possible such adjustments in our food consumption, shipping and war necessities as will allow us to fulfill our duty in exports to our allies. By elimination of waste we serve ourselves economically and morally.

"Therefore, appeal to the churches and to the schools for their assistance in this crusade; to all the organizations for defense, local and national; to all the agencies commercial, social and civic, that they join the Administration in this work for the fundamental safety of the Nation."

It is declared at the offices of the Food Administration that nearly 2,000,000 women of the country already have taken the pledge to furnish the food the Allies and our own overseas forces require by means of economies, and results are already beginning to appear.

The foods to be saved for export are wheat, beef, pork, dairy products and sugar; those that may be used generously are fish, poultry, fruit, vegetables and all cereals but wheat.

### WAR APPROPRIATIONS BOARD.

**Congress Urged to Provide Single House Committee.**

Washington.—Creation of a single House committee to control all appropriations for the period of the war is proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Fitzgerald, who declared he would urge immediate action on the proposal, as he regarded it as the "most important and imperative need of the time."

"The purpose of this resolution is to concentrate during the period of the war all appropriations in a single committee," said Representative Fitzgerald. "Since Congress convened in April the Committee on Appropriations has passed upon estimates aggregating more than \$10,000,000,000.

### KILLS HER SLEEPING HUSBAND.

**Wife Says She Learned He Had Poisoned Her Mother.**

Denver, Colo.—Kneeling at the bedside of her sleeping husband, Mrs. Patrick Henry Riley shot him through the head at their home here. Riley died three hours later. Mrs. Riley surrendered to the police, declaring Riley, who came here from Paris, Tenn., had killed his mother by poisoning and had threatened her.

### FREIGHT RATES ARE SUSPENDED.

**Increases From Virginia Points West Delayed Till January 29.**

Washington.—Proposed increases in the freight rates on all commodities from points in Virginia to the Southern Railway to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, and a large number of other places in the Middle West, were suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission until January.

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## 2 ENSIGNS IN PLOT

**Members of Aviation Corps Also Implicated.**

### NAVAL AGENTS INVESTIGATE

**Torpedo Inquiry Being Conducted On The Pacific Coast And Censorship Is Tightened By Naval Authorities.**

San Francisco.—Navy Department agents have charge of further developments in the German spy plot in which two naval ensigns, five members of the aviation corps and a recruiting officer are alleged to be implicated in treasonable operations with Lieutenant Erwin Friedrich Schneider, of the German Navy; his companion, Theodore Kasinger, both in military prison here, and four Austrian army officers held in Leredo, Texas.

Navy officials immediately threw the utmost secrecy about further operations which are expected to result in arrests at any moment. Action of the Navy officials is now centered in Southern California, it is believed, where one of the Naval ensigns is stationed at San Diego and one of the aviation members is enlisted in the training camps there.

Nearly all the men arrested are mechanics. A number are employed in munitions plants and on navy contracts. In the possession of some were found quantities of carbide, a powder used to destroy delicate machinery. The men knew one another, had held various meetings at which police and Navy Department agents were present unknown to them, and had been under surveillance for many months, according to the police.

The suspicion is held that the carbide was brought here from German agents in Scandinavian countries.

Washington.—"Trench and Camp," the weekly newspaper to be printed for every army camp through nationwide co-operation of newspaper publishers, will make its first appearance Monday, October 8. It was to have appeared a week earlier, but arrangements of details in the Far West made a postponement necessary. The paper will be published under the auspices of the National War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association. All the arrangements between publishers and the many details of the undertaking have been directed by John Stewart Bryan, publisher of the Richmond News-Leader, who will have general management of the paper.

**LIBERTY BONDS AT 100.24.**

**Activity and Rise Attributed To Announcement of New Issue.**

New York.—Trading in Liberty 3½ per cent. Government bonds at quotations running from 100.04 to the new premium of 100.24 was the striking feature of an otherwise unsettled movement on the Stock Exchange Friday. Sales of the Liberty issue aggregated about \$5,350,000, or almost 90 per cent. of the day's total operations in the open bond market.

Among dealers the greater activity and the enhancement were attributed to the overnight announcement of the Treasury Department's intention to create a new bond for an unlimited amount at 4 per cent. interest.

### MORE AMERICAN CASUALTIES

**Private Killed In Accident In Line Of Duty; Lieutenant Wounded**

Washington.—The slight wounding of First Lieutenant Howard F. Keating, of Philadelphia, Medical Corps, during an air raid on the night of September 24, was reported to the War Department by General Pershing. The death of Private James Tracy, of Philadelphia, as a result of an accident in the line of duty, also was reported.

Another cablegram announced the death on September 24 from natural causes of Sergeant Pit Johnson, of St. Paul.

### 7 YEARS FOR DRAFT BLOCKER.

**Frisco Attorney Sent to Federal Prison in Washington.**

San Francisco.—Daniel O'Connell, a San Francisco attorney, was sentenced to seven years in the McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary in Washington, in the United States District Court for conspiring to obstruct the selective draft law. "The act for which you stand convicted was very close to treason," declared Judge W. C. Van Fleet, in sentencing O'Connell. "Unquestionably the things you have done were decidedly intended to stab your country in the back."

### 23 KILLED IN COLLISION.

**Passenger On St. Louis and Frisco Runs Into Empty Troop Train.**

Kellyville, Okla.—Bodies of 16 negroes and seven white men have been taken from the wreckage of the St. Louis and San Francisco train No. 7, which collided head-on with an empty troop train, one mile southwest of here. It is believed that several more bodies still are in the debris.

### WOMAN DROWNS HER CHILDREN.

**Insane Mother Drops Youngsters Into Old Well.**

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## STATE AND PENINSULA

Ten thousand persons are now at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.

Falling from a Wilmington trolley car John Clough was cut about the head and face.

Dr. F. H. Edsall has been appointed field secretary by the State Tuberculosis Commission.

Dr. R. K. Greenfield has been appointed to the new position of students' secretary at Delaware College.

An addition to cost \$35,000 is to be made to the plant of the Jessup & Moore Paper Company, in Wilmington.

The Elkton milk dealers have given notice that the retail price of milk will be increased to 12 cents a quart Monday.

Contracts have been let for 52 seven-room houses in Wilmington and plans are being made for 100 more next spring.

The body of a white male infant was found in the Brandywine Creek at Wilmington, the second in less than a week.

Charles L. Horsey has been elected a member of the Laurel School Board in place of Colonel Sirmac D. Marvel, resigned.

As many as 2,000 women a month, mostly from farms, are said to visit the restroom established by the city of Phoenix, Arizona.

Members of St. Paul's Church, at Earleville, have set October 7 as the day for their flag day exercises with special services.

The supply of coal in Georgetown has been exhausted and dealers have been notified that it will be several weeks before any can be shipped.

Kent Island will not be used as a Government proving ground, the matter having been decided permanently by the committee in Congress.

The fire committee of Wilmington Council has ordered all the fire companies in the city to be prepared next Monday to go through a pumping test.

Frank Gustorky, a Delaware militiaman, is in the Delaware Hospital, suffering from injuries sustained when he fell from a New Castle trolley car.

Hillsboro, Md., has not had a case of typhoid fever in 20 years, according to reports. This speaks well for the sanitary conditions of the town and surroundings.

The Wilmington and Philadelphia Traction Company announces it will not oppose the pending ordinance limiting the speed of trolley cars to one mile in five minutes.

Beet sugar producers in conference with the food administration reached a unanimous agreement by which the staple retail price of sugar will soon be about 8 cents a pound.

The anniversary of Barratt's Chapel, "The Cradle of Methodism," will be observed on Sunday, Oct. 14. The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Bowell of Philadelphia, will be the speaker of the day.

Eight of the nine scoutmasters in Wilmington have enlisted in the military or naval service and the Local Council of Boy Scouts has started a campaign to enlist men to take their places.

So great is the demand for tomatoes for soup and catsup that growers about Stanton are hauling them 30 miles by truck to Smyrna, where from 80 cents to \$1 a basket is being paid.

The annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Delaware will be held in Seaford on October 10, 11 and 12, in St. John's M. E. Church. The Seaford Union will entertain the visitors.

A group of military storage warehouses will be built on the Delaware river from which shipments will be made to Europe. They will cover probably 1000 acres of ground. The building will be mostly one story and fireproof.

Announcement has been made that the nation has contracted to spend \$18,288,228,085 before July 1 next, which represents 23 per cent of the total expenditures of all other countries in the war for the three years up to August 1 last.

The Emergency Fleet Corporation on Friday awarded the contracts for constructing a Government owned shipyard on Hog Island in the Delaware river at a cost of \$20,000,000 and the building therein of 50 steel merchant vessels.

Delaware College, is to be presented with a fully equipped automobile ambulance by the Delaware Branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It is planned to have a public ceremony with the Governor and other officials present.

The women of Delaware have sent 700 sets of woolen articles to the battleship Delaware. Each set comprises a sweater, muffler and pair of wristlets. This is one of the many ways in which the women are doing their bit.

The children of the Newark school garden class under Miss Agnes Medill handed in their reports last week for the season just closing. Their figures show that the land they cultivated yielded produce valued at \$228, which was a \$75 increase over last year. The land used was given to the class for the purpose by the trustees of Delaware College.

Full equipment is to be furnished the Dover Home Guards by the Federal Government, as soon as the organization has reached sufficient strength—say from 65 to 85 men—is the news that has been conveyed to the officers of the new company by the Governor of the State of Delaware, provided the officers can work up enough interest to hold the organization together, and be sworn in themselves.

MARIGOLD  
(Tagetes)

## PORTULACA

There are two distinct types of garden marigolds, each with numerous horticultural varieties, derived from two distinct species.

The French marigold, which is the most compact and regular in growth, and consequently the most valuable as a bedding or a border plant, has been developed from tagetes patula, while the African marigold, which is of a more spreading and open habit of growth and therefore less suited for bedding purposes, but well adapted for herbaceous or shrubby borders, has been developed from tagetes erecta.

The common names of these plants give no clue to their nativity, both being tropical American plants, in spite of common names to the contrary.

The French marigolds are all useful bedding plants. The habit of growth is erect and compact with good foliage. The flowers are well formed, bright in color, and occur from June until frost. While these plants can be grown and successfully brought into bloom from seeds sown in the open in April in the latitude of Washington,

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"They are for my father," she added.

"Squeaky, miss? I'm afraid we have not got any of that kind."

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### LESSON FOR OCTOBER 7

#### PSALMS OF DELIVERANCE.

LESSON TEXT—Psalms 85 and 126. GOLDEN TEXT—They that sow shall reap in joy—Psalms 126:5.

These Psalms breathe the spirit of the true patriot. The Psalmist sees his afflicted country suffering for the sins of the people, prays for their restoration to the Divine favor, and with the eye of faith anticipates the joyful day of spiritual and temporal blessings because of restoration to the Divine favor. Doubtless such patriotism would be pleasing to the Lord on the part of us all.

Psalm 85.

I. Praises for Mercies Received (vv. 1-3).

Praise is given for

(1) Deliverance from Captivity (v. 1).

He had in mind the specific mercies of a given time; perhaps it was one of the oppressions of the Philistines from which they had been delivered. There seems to be no good ground for thinking that this was a deliverance from the Babylonian captivity. His praise is given to the Lord, the name revealed to Moses when the people were in bondage. It was fitting for him to appeal to God by the name which expressed the Divine attribute most concerned. The central meaning of the name Lord is the Unchanging, Self-Existing One.

(2) Forgiveness of Sin (vv. 2, 3).

"Thou hast forgiven the iniquity—covered all their sin." God's restoration was the proof that he had passed. Great indeed was the sin of Jacob, but God's forgiveness was greater. He is peculiarly God of mercy. Having forgiven the sins his anger is taken away. He stayed his hand from the judgment which would have justly fallen, to show his mercy. Many times he does this with us. The reason he can do this is that he has found a way by which he can be just, and at the same time justify the sinner (Rom. 13:26). In Christ's atonement all our sins are blotted out, covered up, and because of this God's burning, fierce anger is turned from us.

II. Prayer for Restoration From Backsliding (vv. 4-7).

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He knew that a gentle answer would come, but its continuance would depend upon the fidelity of the people. Turning to folly would provoke again his wrath.

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Only as his salvation was near could glory be in the land.

(3) Devise way by which "Mercy and truth," "Righteousness and peace," may be united (v. 10, 11).

He did not suggest a way. He may not have known it. Faith now sees the way in Christ. In him such a union has been blessedly effected.

(4) The land shall become fruitful (v. 11).

When sin is removed, temporal prosperity shall follow. Earth's barrenness is due to sin. When the curse is removed fruitfulness shall follow.

(5) Righteousness shall be the guide of his people (v. 12).

In that golden, glad age God's righteous ways will leave a track in which his own may walk with security.

"Too true," replied the gentle waitress of Huckabuck tavern. "It is indeed unfortunate, sir, but if you will let the cup set, or sit, as the case may be, for a few minutes the insects will drown and then sink to the bottom, and you will soon forget all about them. Howlychayeyer eggs?"—Judge.

For speedy and effective action Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" has no equal. One dose only will clean out Worms or Tapeworm. Adv.

Psalm 126.

I. The Fact of Zion's Deliverance (vv. 1, 2).

(1) By whom (v. 1). The Lord.

(2) Effect of (v. 1, 2).

(a) The people were scarcely able to believe it. So sudden and unexpected was their deliverance that it seemed to them as a dream. They expressed their feeling in joyful laughter.

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## MORE WHEAT PRIZES

Honors for Western Canada Come Year After Year.

At the recent Soil Products Exposition at Peoria, Ill., in a keen contest for the coveted first prize for wheat Western Canada has again carried off all the honors. Not only has she won the first, but also the second and third prizes. These were won by Mr. S. Lambe, of Birtle, Manitoba. In past years the Province of Saskatchewan had the distinguished honor of carrying off the initial prize.

Harvesting and threshing are now completed in Western Canada, and while it is early in the season to give exact figures as to the average yield per acre of wheat, oats, barley and flax it is safe to assume that the former will yield about 20 bushels per acre. The price to the farmer will be about \$2.00 per bushel, giving him \$40.00 an acre of a return. When it is considered that the land upon which this wheat is grown averaged less than \$30 an acre, it takes very little figuring to arrive at an estimate of the profit there is to the grain grower of Western Canada. The writer knows where a farmer purchased 160 acres of land in the spring of 1916, broke it up the same year, put it in wheat in 1917. His crop was harvested a few days ago. It yielded 4,800 bushels and he sold it at \$2.05 per bushel, giving him \$9,840. The land cost him \$4,800, breaking, seed, cutting and threshing, \$1,920. His profit was \$3,120 after paying for his land and his costs of improving. He has now \$3,120 to commence another season with a "paid in full" improved farm.

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